PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of 31 May 2018

Welcome: The Chair, Meic Evans, welcomed those present.

Sederunt: Community Councillors – M Evans, N Smith, A Quinn, J Riach, L Bowman, J Park, J Whittaker, M Dorans, T Piper, A Young and G Rae.
South Ayrshire Councillors – Cllrs I Cochrane and H Hunter.
Community Police – Sgt Barlos and PC Murdoch.
Prestwick Residents – Three residents were present.
Apologies: Cllr L White and Provost H Moonie.

Betty McGowan: The Chair reported that, due to ill health, Betty McGowan had tendered her resignation from the Community Council. He expressed the thanks of the Council for her many years service in the community.

Police Report: No serious offences had been recorded for the Prestwick South area in the previous four weeks. The Police are targeting in particular youth disorder issues, a problem which usually comes with the summer weather, and parking problems in the Heathfield Road area. Cllr M Dorans asked if "Pop-Up Jims" (cardboard police cut-outs) could be used in streets with speeding issues.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 26 April were approved on the motion of Cllr J Park seconded by Cllr J Whittaker.

Matters Arising: The Chair reported that Bill Elliot, Scottish Water, had advised that there was a delay in progressing the local remediation steps and also that Sgt McDowall had provided the additional guidance requested in connection with the speed cameras proposal. SAC Cllr I Cochrane reported that he has begun discussion with the Ayrshire Roads Alliance in respect of proposals for one-way streets in the Crandleyhill Road area. SAC Cllr H Hunter reported that he has been in contact with Tracy Wallace and Ian Mackay with a view to progressing the defibrillors installation within the town.

South Ayrshire Council Report: Cllr I Cochrane reported on the beach cleaning which is now on the normal maintenance programme. The rubble removed from the beach and now located behind Kidz Play is being gradually removed for use on other Council locations. The new parking charges will be introduced in about 3 weeks.

Cllr H Hunter reported on Dementia Awareness Week events and the Scottish Windsurfing Championships to be held in conjunction with the Sailing Club on 2nd and 3rd June. He also gave thanks to all the volunteers who have been participating in the new fortnightly beach litter pick.

As regards Cllr Hunter's report on Dementia Friendly Prestwick the Chair suggested that it would be useful if somebody from SAC might attend a future meeting to advise as to whether the Community Council in its meetings etc. might make itself more accessible. Cllr Hunter stated that he would organise something for the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Cllr L White submitted a written statement. Cllr J Riach queried the lack of funds available to support the Remembrance Sunday Parade. There was considerable discussion in respect of the need to ensure that the Community Council is adequately funded.

Planning Report: Cllr M Evans submitted a report on recent planning applications and decisions.

Correspondence: The Secretary reported that all current correspondence had already been emailed to members. She also reported that a request had been made by Stranraer Community Council for advice on beach cleaning following from the positive press reports on the Prestwick results. Contact had been made and advice given although their problems are different.

A.O.C.B:

General Data Protection Regulations: The Chair advised the meeting that we have not yet received guidance on this matter from South Ayrshire Council.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 28 June 2018